the equipment, other infrastructural pities and annual allocation of re-jrces.

(d) While the proposed low power "V transmitter at Phulbani is envi-.aged to *lh* commissioned during) 1988-89 All India Radio has no scheme

chqiae of Voluntary Retirement In NDDB

25 SHRI SUKOMAL SEN; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be jpleaiscd to state.

(4) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which fppeared in The Indian Post of 9th July, 1988 under the caption 500 NDDE employees voluntarily retired;

(b) whether the National Dairy Development Board has formulated a scheme for 'voluntary retirement' of its sraff *an*d officers;

(c) if so, the officers and staff returd so. till date; and

(d) what are the reasons for effect ing such a 'voluntary retirement' scheme in NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE |MINISTERY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes. Sir.

(fc) to *(d)* In order to facilitate the restructuring and streamlining of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) a voluntary retirement scheme was evolved and implemented by the KDDB. As on 31st October. 1988, 458 employees have availed themselves of this scheme.

Closure of Industrial Units

255 SHRI M. A BABY; Will the MINISTER of LABOUR be pleased to stale:

• (a) the number of Industrial units closed fully or partially upto September 1988 and details thereof;

(b) the number of workers affected by the closure; State-wise break-up thereof;

(c) the reasons for the closure; and

(d) the step proposed by the Central Government for the reopening of these units or protection of the interests of the workers displaced by the closure?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) According to the latest available information, 57 industrial units were closed during the period January-August, 1988. A statement on the number of workers affected and units closed in different States is attached. (See below).

(c) The closures, among others, have been due to reasons such as financial stringency, shortage of raw material and adverse market conditions.

(d) Both the Central and the State Government's have been taking s^eps to get closed industrial units reopened through appropriate rehabilitation packages which include concessions, reliefs and financial assistance. In the case of textile workers affected by closures, the Government is operating a Textile Rehabilitation Fund which offers financial assistance for a period of 3 years on a tapering basis.

Statement

Statewise number of Unifts closed and workers affected during January to August, 1988 *(Provisional)*

State	No. of Units	Workers affected
1, Andhra Pradesh	4	124
2. Guiarat	12	2,328
3. Harvana	8	246
4. Kerala	1	52
5. Maharashtra	24	1.807
6. Orissa	1	22
7. Puniab	2	88
8. Rpirstfrn	2	8
9. Tamil Nadu	3	560
TOTAL	57	5,235

SOURCE : Labour Bureau, Shimla.